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				Project is targeted to be completed within 35 months of Financial Close. So far no increase in cost is reported.
2.	Indo-Iran Joint Venture Project, Iran	470	IFFCO, KRIBHCO	MoU has been signed. The Projects is at a very preliminary stage of consideration and has so far not been posed to the Government for investment approval.

Ban on Persistent Organic Pollutants

651. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the twelve Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) swept around the globe by air or ocean currents, have been banned or heavily restricted;

(b) whether many of the twelve POPs have been known killers for decades and banned in many industrial nations; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) An international legally binding instrument namely, the Stockholm convention on Persistent Organic Pollutents (POPs) has been adopted recently to initiate international action to protect human health and environment through measures to reduce and eliminate emissions and discharges of twelve POPs. Over the past several decades, the risk posed by POPs to human health and environment has been a matter of concern.

(c) India adopted the Convention and signed the Final Act on May 23, 2001. All Parties are required to prepare National Implementation Plans (NIPs) based on National obligations identified under the Convention.

Revamping of Namrup Unit of HFCL

652. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of revamping of Namrup Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL);

(b) whether the loan for revamping the unit has been finalised with ICICI; and

(c) whether reference of HFCL as a whole Group of Ministers will harm the revamping process of Namrup Unit directly and indirectly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BARTA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Namrup Revamp Project approved by the Government in 1997 at an estimated investment of Rs. 350; crore is under implementation w.e.f. 2.11.1998 and is expected to be completed by Februrary, 2002. With a view to ensure timely completion of the project, the Government has been making necessary budgetary provision and an amount of Rs. 131.69 crore has been released so far. A provision of Rs. 80 has been made during 2001-02.

(b) The proposal for demerger of the Namrup Unit from HFCL into a separate corporate entity, which would facilitate securing of term loans from the banks/ financial institutions is to be submitted to the competent authority for consideration shortly.

(c) No, Sir.

Outlay for Fertilizers

653. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlay for fertilizers for the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the total outlay for new/expansion urea projects of PSUs Cooperative Societies;

(c) how much has been utilised by the Department of Fertilizers till date;

(d) whether there was low utilisation;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether major new/expansion urea projects of PSUs Cooperative Societies have been cleared; and

(g) if so, whether the entire outlay for them would be fully utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI BARTA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The approved outlay